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Will First Complete Plans For Road
in the City—The Country Lines to
be Taken up Later—Cars to be of
Modern Pattern.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 11.—

The formal papers in the transfer of the street railway line from the Washington Railway & Power Company to the Vancouver Traction Company were completed yesterday afternoon and the new concern is now in complete possession. At the same time final organization of the new company was effected, with the election of W. J. Paterson of Baker City as president, and A. Welch of Portland as vice-president and general manager. The trustees are: W. J. Paterson, A. Welch, E. W. Hall, E. M. Rands and L. B. McLane.

One of the officials of the company stated last evening that all arrangements had been made for the completion of the lines in the city and that work would be resumed within the next week. The intention of the company is first to complete the road in the city and have the cars running as soon as possible. It was stated that cars for the use of the road had already been contracted for, and would be ready within two months. The cars will be new and of the most modern pattern. While it is the alleged intention of the management of the company eventually to extend the line into the country, no definite action along this line will be taken at present. Nothing will be done looking to further extensions until the road in the city has been completed and put in operation.

There are several directions into the county in which the road might be extended with apparent profit, but it is stated that considerable time will be required to determine which of these directions would prove the best investment at this time. It is expected that at the next meeting of the council the new franchise asked for by the Traction Company will be granted, as the provisions are practically the same as those of the ones under which the road was started, with the exception of changes in the routes in the northern portion of the city, which will prove more satisfactory to the residents, and have already been indorsed by them.

Requested To Attend.

The members of the Scandinavian Benevolent Society, are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, Conrad Anderson, this (Friday) afternoon at 10:30 o'clock from Pohl's undertaking parlors. By order
ED HALSETH, President.
JOHN NORDSTROM, Secretary.

WORK HURRIED ON COLUMBIA JETTY

ROCK DELIVERIES TO BE IN-
CREASED SOON FROM 2000
TO 4500 TONS DAILY.

Rock deliveries at the Columbia River jetty will be increased soon from 2000 tons daily to about 4500 tons, and the work of pushing the structure to completion will be rushed, says the Portland Telegram. Owing to the bad weather which has prevailed at the bar the greater part of the Spring it is feared that the project cannot be completed before the stormy season starts. But it will be so closely finished as to be about as serviceable as though every rock had been put in place.

Gerald Bagnall, the United States Engineer who is in charge of operations at the mouth of the Columbia, arrived at the city this morning and is well pleased with the progress which has been made. He says the limited rock deliveries and the inclement weather have delayed the work more than had been anticipated, but everything is getting in shape so that the best of results will follow before many days elapse. The output at the quarries was not so great as had been expected on the start, but this matter will soon be remedied. There will be no trouble in taking care of all the shipments which can be forwarded at the jetty site.

"Until very recently the bar has been too rough to permit of the survey now under way of being carried on continuously," says Mr. Bagnall. "As a consequence, it will take from ten days to two weeks more to complete the soundings. While I am hoping that an increased depth of water will be found, it is yet too early to state with any degree of accuracy just what the survey will reveal. As a matter of fact, I will be unable to tell much about it until the job has been finished."

Mr. Bagnall is sure that the jetty will be the means of causing the bar channel to scour out to a much greater depth. He says that the new dredge, which is nearing completion on the Atlantic coast to take the place of the W. S. Ladd, will be around here before Fall. It is the intention to use her on the bar occasionally to assist in maintaining a deep channel. She is of the suction type and of twice the capacity as the Ladd, which could not be utilized at the bar.

With a modern dredge in service down that way and the jetty practically completed this Fall, there is every assurance that the channel across the Columbia River bar will be deepened to the 30-foot mark at low tide before another season rolls around. When that has been done there will be sufficient water at the entrance to the river to accommodate the largest ship or steamer that ever visited a Pacific Coast port.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

Historic And Charming—

Manager Hanlin, of the Astoria Theatre, makes the pleasing announcement that the Georgia Harper Company, which opens at his popular house on Sunday evening, June 21st, will send the initial curtain up on "Nell Gwynne," the famous and beautiful historic play. The troupe is composed of sixteen clever people, and will be accompanied by a talented scenic artist direct from Los Angeles. The company is happily known in Astoria having played a satisfactory engagement here about three years ago, and is prepared to outdo the successes of that period. Miss Georgia Harper is among the very leaders of the leading ladies of the American stage and is ably supported by Joseph Detrick, an actor of pronounced accomplishment. It is already conceded the company will present a series of fine plays to the certain gratification of the Astoria public.

Died At Portland—

Edward Edwards, age 32 years and an old resident of Astoria died at Portland yesterday, of an abscess of the brain after a short illness. He was shipped on last night's train to Gilbaugh's undertaking parlors. The deceased formerly resided at 1405 Harrison avenue, this city, and is well known, having worked at the carpenter business for many years. He leaves a wife and a child of 15 months, besides a brother and many friends and acquaintances to mourn his death. The arrangements for his funeral have not yet been arranged, and will be announced later.

DONE BY DEED

A. H. Evans and wife to Sophie P. Davies, lots 13, 14, 31 and 32, tract 1, Gray's sub., block 27, H. & A. Astoria; \$5.

V. Harris and wife to R. E. Bryan, NE. 1-4, S. 9-6-9 W.; \$1600.
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New Business Venture.

Astoria is to have another plumbing establishment. Messrs. E. C. Younce and W. F. Baker, both practical and expert workmen in this line will open a business house at No. 126 Eighth street, opposite the postoffice,

where orders may be left for tinning, plumbing, steam and gas fitting, and all phases of such service, with a certainty of getting it done with guaranteed workmanship and all rational despatch.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

I will pay the sum of \$50 to whomsoever shall recover and deliver the dead body of my son, Vernon Elbon, supposed to have been drowned in the Columbia river on Saturday, May 30th, last.

J. E. ELBON.

CHARGES FALSE.

Against the Late C. Brusie of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—All records in the case against the late Judson C. Brusie, clubman and playwright, charged with embezzlement of the funds of the Metropolitan Surety Company, were ordered stricken from the bonds of the court, and the bondsmen released from their obligations in the matter by Police Judge Weller today. From the bench, Judge Weller said that he had issued the complaint and the warrant for the arrest of Brusie upon statements he afterwards learned were false. He spoke feelingly of the dead man, and of his friendship.

The action of Judge Weller followed an eloquent appeal for such action by Attorney Samuel Shortridge, who referred to the charges made against Brusie as hasty, malicious and wicked.

The remains of Brusie, accompanied by his widow, arrived in the city at noon today, and were conveyed to an undertaking establishment. Arrangements for the funeral ceremonies and the cremation of the body are being made.

No one appeared to press the charges against Brusie, and it is understood that they will be dropped and his memory cleared of the stain placed upon it.

Brusie died a few hours after his arrest. His heart had been affected.

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DEEPER CHANNELS.

Petition For Dredging Operations in the Lewis and Deep Rivers.

Petitions have been drawn up and placed in circulation for signatures requesting the Oregon and Washington delegations in Congress to use their best influence toward securing appropriations from the Government to be expended in deepening the channels of the Lewis and Deep Rivers, important tributaries of the lower Columbia. The papers are being signed by representatives of the river navigation companies, and the business men in the small towns on the streams needing improvement.

Relative to the Lewis River, the petitioners aver that for practically three months of the year the town of La Center, on the East Fork, is without transportation facilities. It is explained that such is the situation during the low water period, and because of it many of the farmers make no effort to raise much more produce than required for home use. If the river should be made navigable the year around, it is predicted that the shipments from that section would be greatly increased.

Concerning the other proposed project the petitioners desire that the Deep River channel be dredged to seven or eight feet. At the low water mark it is but three and a half feet deep, which is inadequate to handle the traffic. The chief industry is logging and lumbering. Statistics have been compiled, showing that in 1907 the commerce was as follows: 90,000,000 feet of logs, 10,000 barrels of crude oil, 600 tons of steel rails, 300 tons of machinery, 3350 tons of groceries and provisions, and 200,000 feet of railroad ties.

COLUMBIA STILL RISING.

Will Probably Reach 20-Foot Mark at Portland Sunday.

PORTLAND, June 11.—The rapid rise in the Snake River has been checked to some extent, but the rise of the upper Columbia shows no abatement. It is probable that the stage of the river at Portland will reach 18.5 feet by Friday morning and 18.6 feet by Saturday morning, with prospects of a still further rise. River bulletin issued by Acting Forecaster Lodholz.

While it was slightly cooler last

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night in that part of the Rocky Mountains where the tributaries of the Columbia have their sources, the change in temperature was not sufficient to prevent the snow from melting, according to the weather man. By Sunday morning there is every indication that the river at Portland will be at a stage of 20 feet or more. It rose 0.6 of a foot in the past 24 hours, and stood at 17.1 feet above the low-water mark at 5 o'clock this morning. Acting Forecaster Lodholz predicts that it will reach a stage of 18.5 feet tomorrow morning and 19.6 feet Saturday morning. High temperatures prevailed through the district yesterday. It was 92 degrees at Kamloops, B. C., 84 degrees at Kalispel, Mont., 84 degrees at Spokane, and 88 degrees at Lewiston. There were light rains on the west slope of the Rockies last night, which will assist materially in converting the snow into water.

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